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Group Art Unit 2651 : PATENT APPLICATION
In re application of :
YUKIKO KUBOTA ET AL. : EXCHANGE DECOUPLED
COBALT/NOBLE METAL
Serial No. 10/032,721 : PERPENDICULAR RECORDING MEDIA
Filed December 27, 2001 :

LETTER

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

February 21, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

We are in receipt of the official filing receipt in the above-identified patent application.

Enclosed is a copy for your convenience.

In reviewing this original receipt, we note the following errors:

1. The filing date of October 27, 2001 is incorrect and should read --December 27, 2001--.
2. There are three (3) inventors and only two (2) are listed. The inventor "Mei-Ling Wu" should be added as the third applicant.

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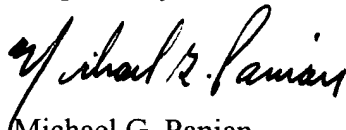
Assistant Commissioner for Patents was mailed December 27, 2001. Also enclosed is our Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" Under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 - Separate Paper, a copy of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal, Fee Transmittal for FY 2002, Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application Transmittal and a copy of the Declaration signed by three (3) inventors.

The enclosed documents show proof of the official filing date of December 27, 2001 and proof of the third applicant, Mei-Ling Wu.

It is respectfully requested that a corrected filing receipt be issued as quickly as possible and forwarded to the undersigned bearing the correct filing date and the name of the third applicant.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at the telephone number listed below or contact my Legal Assistant, Angie Beyerl, at 412-562-1035.

Respectfully submitted,



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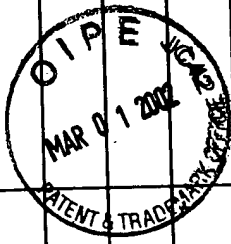
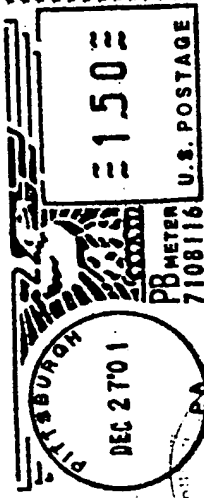
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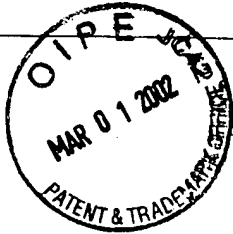
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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 00951
First Inventor Kubota, t al.
Title Exchange Decoupled Cobalt/Noble Metal ...
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 11]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]
 - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
 - b. ☐ (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☒ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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114 160	214 80	Provisional filing fee	

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Independent Claims 2 -3** = 0 x 0.00 = 0.00
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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
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117 920	217 460	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,440	218 720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,960	228 980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 320	219 160	Notice of Appeal	
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121 280	221 140	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,280	241 640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,280	242 640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 460	243 230	Design issue fee	
144 620	244 310	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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